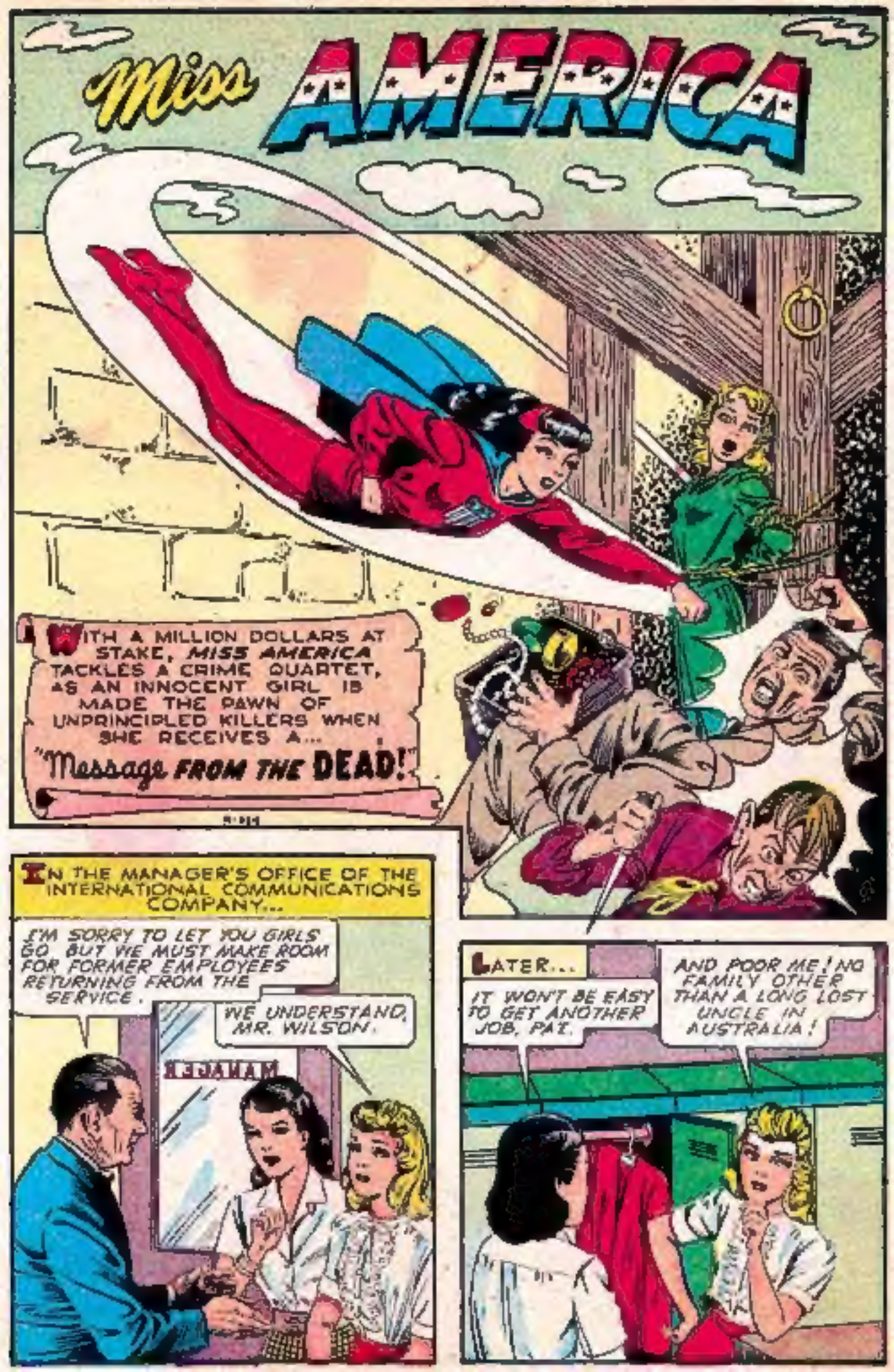
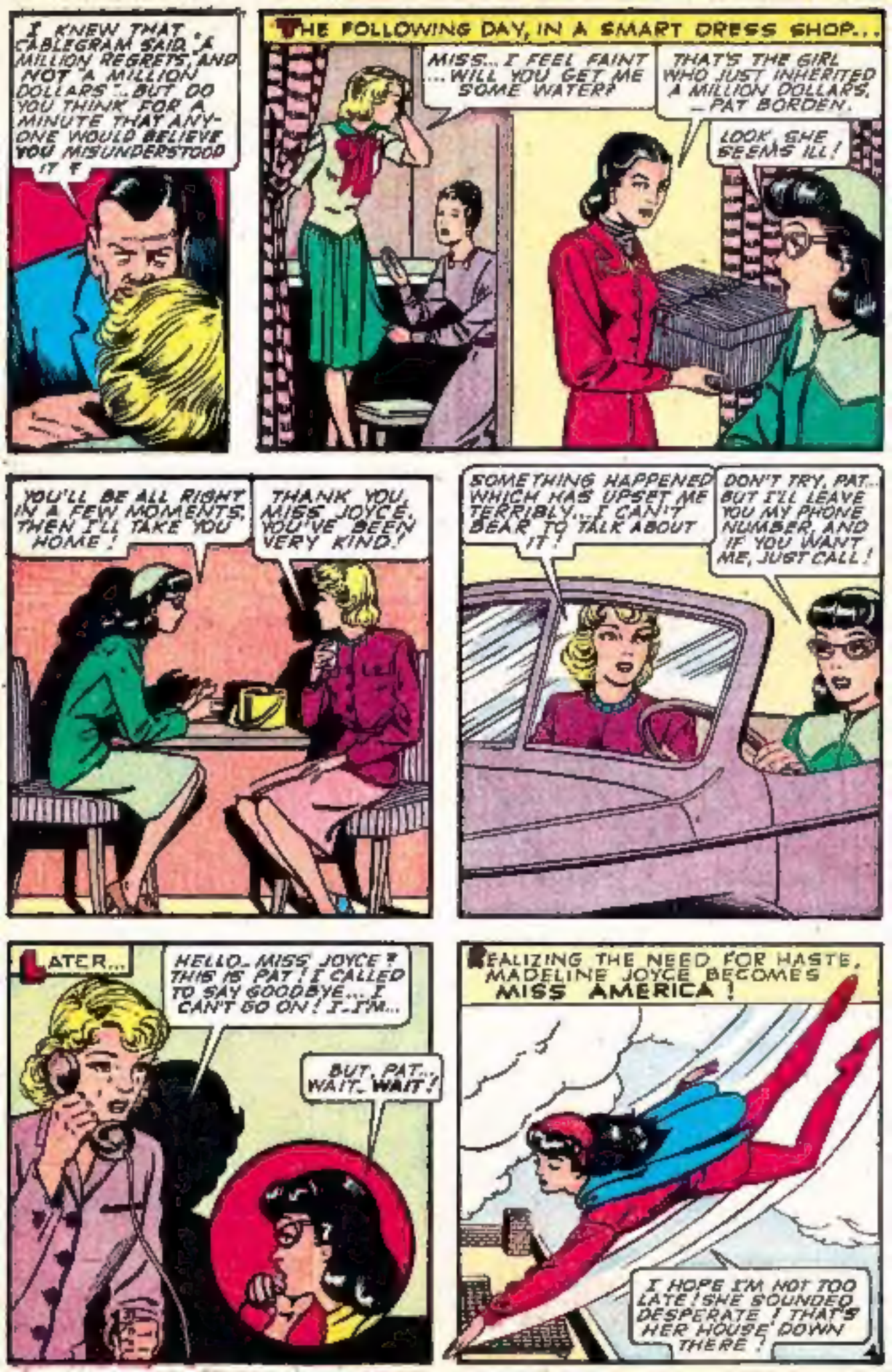
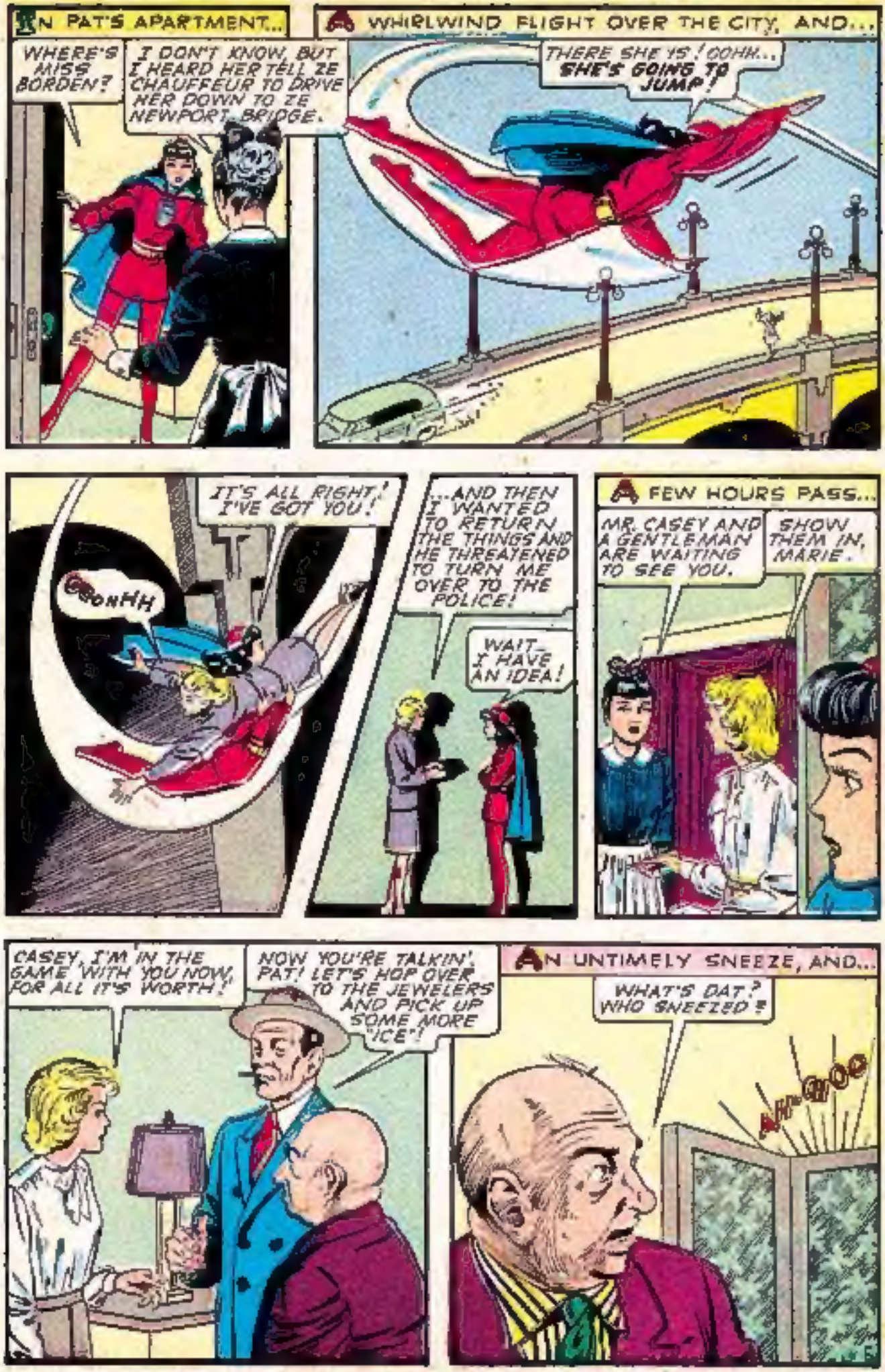

Miss AMERICA
WITH A MILLION DOLLARS AT STAKE, MISS AMERICA TACKLES A CRIME QUARTET, AS AN INNOCENT GIRL IS MADE THE PAWN OF UNPRINCIPLED KILLERS WHEN SHE RECEIVES A...
"Message FROM THE DEAD!"
IN THE MANAGER'S OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY...
I'M SORRY TO LET YOU GIRLS GO BUT WE MUST MAKE ROOM FOR FORMER EMPLOYEES RETURNING FROM THE SERVICE.
WE UNDERSTAND, MR. WILSON.
LATER...
IT WON'T BE EASY TO GET ANOTHER JOB, PAT.
AND POOR ME! NO FAMILY OTHER THAN A LONG LOST UNCLE IN AUSTRALIA!

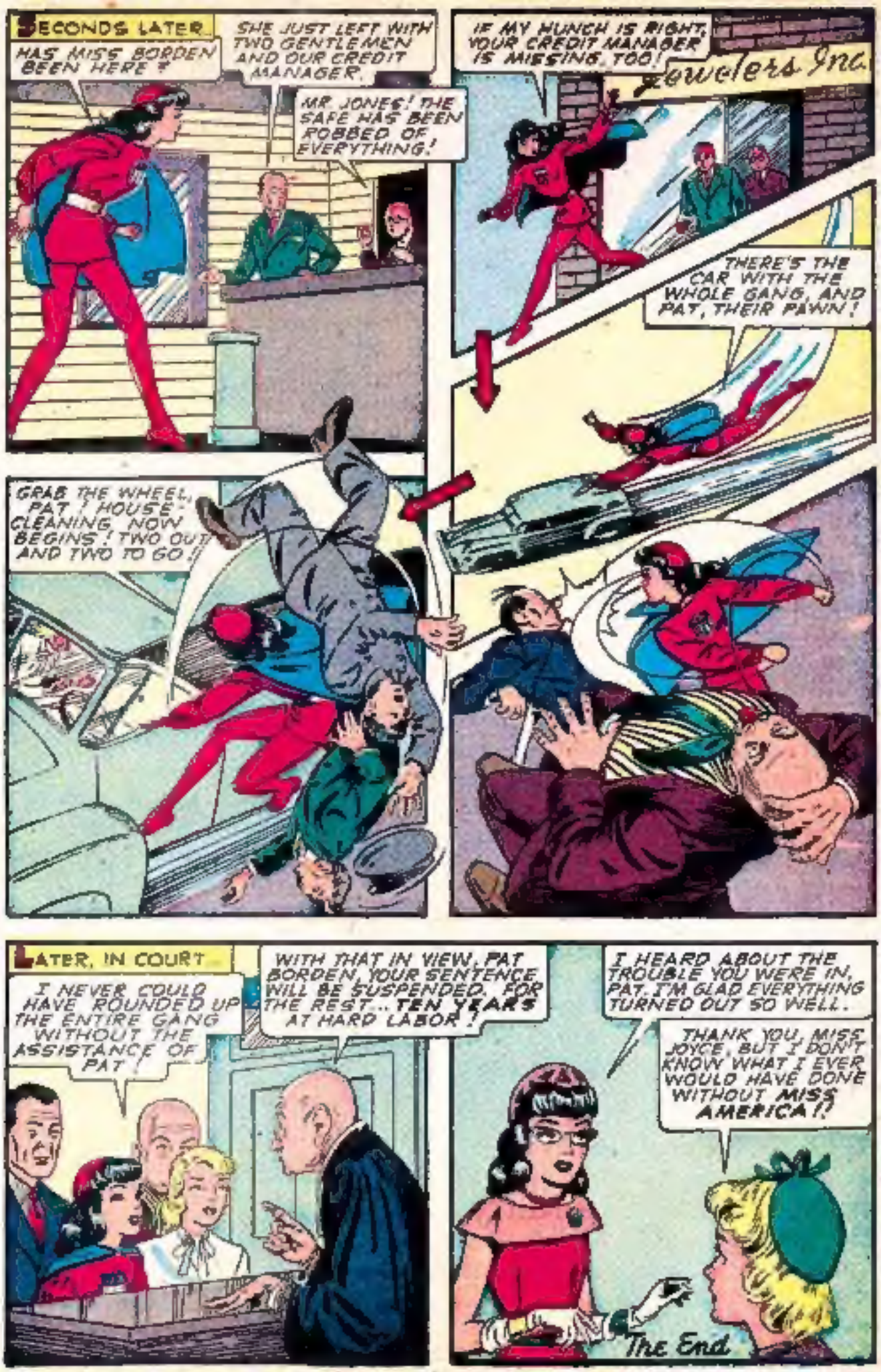
AS PAT AND JO ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE...
CABLEGRAM FOR MISS PAT BORDEN!
HERE, BOY—I'M PAT BORDEN.
PAT, READ IT TO ME—HURRY!
OH, I'M SO EXCITED! IT SAYS "YOUR UNCLE BILL DIED AND LEFT YOU A MILLION REGRETS TO YOU IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT... FLINT AND TODD, ATTYS.
JO! ONE MILLION—A MILLION DOLLARS. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
MEANWHILE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE EVENING STAR...
CASEY, GET ME A HUMAN INTEREST STORY, CINDERELLA STUFF, OR SOMETHING!
O.K., CHIEF! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
MINUTES LATER...
HEY, WHAT'S THE RUSH, PAT—WHAT GIVES?
'LO, CASEY! GOT FIRED, BUT I INHERITED A MILLION DOLLARS! COME ALONG AND I'LL TELL YOU!
MINUTES LATER.....
...AND HERE'S THE CABLEGRAM
THAT'S GREAT, PAT! JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! I'LL MAKE YOU THE MOST FAMOUS GIRL IN THE STATES!
THE FOLLOWING DAY IN THE LONG ISLAND HOME OF MADELINE JOYCE...
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL, UNCLE JIM, ABOUT THAT POOR GIRL WHO JUST INHERITED A MILLION DOLLARS?
YES, I HEARD IT OVER THE RADIO THIS MORNING.
NEW CINDERELLA GIRL

IN PAT'S ROOM...
YOU'RE GETTING OUT OF THIS DUMP TODAY, PAT! I'VE GOT YOU ALL SET. DUPLEY APARTMENT, MAID, CHAUFFEUR, AND A CAR!
WELL, I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, CASEY!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
YES, THIS IS MISS BORDEN. YOU HAVE WHAT FOR ME? MATCHED PEARLS! BUT I DIDN'T ORDER THEM!
NO, BUT I DID PAT! TELL HIM YOU'LL BE RIGHT DOWN TO SEE THEM.
THESE ARE MAGNIFICENT, MISS BORDEN, AND QUITE A BUY AT $28,000!
THEY'RE LOVELY, BUT I DON'T FEEL I SHOULD TAKE THEM JUST NOW...
NONSENSE, PAT! GO AHEAD AND CHARGE THEM!
LATER—BACK IN THE APARTMENT...
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ORDERED THESE PEARLS, CASEY!
WHY NOT? YOU'RE AN HEIRESS, PAT!
CABLEGRAM, MISS PAT...
PAT BORDEN CLIFF APTS NY YOUR CABLE RECEIVED STOP MISUNDERSTAND ING STOP UNCLE DIED BANKRUPT FLINT & TODD ATTYS
OH DEAR, WHAT WILL I DO? THOSE PEARLS... THIS APARTMENT...
SIMPLE, JUST KEEP MUM. WE'LL COLLECT MORE STUFF AND THEN SKIP TOWN!
NO! I'M GOING TO RETURN EVERYTHING, CASEY!
WAIT! PUT THAT PHONE DOWN!


I KNEW THAT CABLEGRAM SAID "A MILLION REGRETS," AND NOT "A MILLION DOLLARS"...BUT DO YOU THINK FOR A MINUTE THAT ANY-ONE WOULD BELIEVE YOU MISUNDERSTOOD IT?
THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN A SMART DRESS SHOP...
MISS... I FEEL FAINT ...WILL YOU GET ME SOME WATER?
THAT'S THE GIRL WHO JUST INHERITED A MILLION DOLLARS. —PAT BORDEN.
LOOK, SHE SEEMS ILL!
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A FEW MOMENTS. THEN I'LL TAKE YOU HOME!
THANK YOU, MISS JOYCE. YOU'VE BEEN VERY KIND!
SOMETHING HAPPENED WHICH HAS UPSET ME TERRIBLY...I CAN'T BEAR TO TALK ABOUT IT!
DON'T TRY, PAT... BUT I'LL LEAVE YOU MY PHONE NUMBER, AND IF YOU WANT ME, JUST CALL!
LATER...
HELLO- MISS JOYCE? THIS IS PAT! I CALLED TO SAY GOODBYE...I CAN'T GO ON! I-I'M...
BUT, PAT... WAIT- WAIT!
REALIZING THE NEED FOR HASTE, MADELINE JOYCE BECOMES MISS AMERICA!
I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE! SHE SOUNDED DESPERATE! THAT'S HER HOUSE DOWN THERE!


IN PAT'S APARTMENT...
WHERE'S MISS BORDEN?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I HEARD HER TELL ZE CHAUFFEUR TO DRIVE HER DOWN TO ZE NEWPORT BRIDGE.
A WHIRLWIND FLIGHT OVER THE CITY, AND...
THERE SHE IS! OOHH... SHE'S GOING TO JUMP!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! I'VE GOT YOU!
OOONHH
...AND THEN I WANTED TO RETURN THE THINGS AND HE THREATENED TO TURN ME OVER TO THE POLICE!
WAIT— I HAVE AN IDEA!
A FEW HOURS PASS...
MR. CASEY AND A GENTLEMAN ARE WAITING TO SEE YOU.
SHOW THEM IN, MARIE.
CASEY, I'M IN THE GAME WITH YOU NOW, FOR ALL IT'S WORTH!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN', PAT! LET'S HOP OVER TO THE JEWELERS AND PICK UP SOME MORE "ICE"!
AN UNTIMELY SNEEZE, AND...
WHAT'S DAT? WHO SNEEZED?
AH-CHOO

MISS AMERICA!
FAT MAN'S OUT ! YOU'RE NEXT !
SEZ YOU... OOOPS..OUCH!
TAKE THAT, YOU LUG !
SUDDENLY, FROM A DOORWAY...
THUD!
NICE WORK, MARIE! KEEP A CLOSE WATCH 'TIL WE GET BACK!
GET GOIN', SISTER AN' KEEP YER TRAP SHUT !
SUMMONING HER SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH...
YOU'RE SOME GUARD, MARIE! TAKE CARE OF YOU LATER... IMPORTANT BUSINESS ELSEWHERE!
AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE JEWELRY STORE
JUST A FORMALITY, MISS BORDEN.. OUR CREDIT MANAGER... YOUR BILL IS $76,000!
THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT, JONES. HER CREDIT IS UNLIMITED.


SECONDS LATER...
HAS MISS BORDEN BEEN HERE?
SHE JUST LEFT WITH TWO GENTLEMEN AND OUR CREDIT MANAGER.
MR. JONES! THE SAFE HAS BEEN ROBBED OF EVERYTHING!
IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, YOUR CREDIT MANAGER IS MISSING, TOO!
Jewelers Inc.
THERE'S THE CAR WITH THE WHOLE GANG, AND PAT, THEIR PAWN!
GRAB THE WHEEL, PAT! HOUSE-CLEANING NOW BEGINS! TWO OUT AND TWO TO GO!
LATER, IN COURT...
I NEVER COULD HAVE ROUNDED UP THE ENTIRE GANG WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF PAT!
WITH THAT IN VIEW, PAT BORDEN, YOUR SENTENCE WILL BE SUSPENDED. FOR THE REST... TEN YEARS AT HARD LABOR!
I HEARD ABOUT THE TROUBLE YOU WERE IN, PAT. I'M GLAD EVERYTHING TURNED OUT SO WELL.
THANK YOU, MISS JOYCE, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT I EVER WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT MISS AMERICA!?
The End

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